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Police Department completes annual report

The Springfield Police Department has completed an annual report that highlights the challenges of increasing criminal activity, as reported in the Uniform Crime Report, while featuring the department's unique efforts to fight crime.

Police Chief Paul Williams says in his opening message of the report, “The past year was marked by innovation and creativity as the members of the SPD continued to utilize best practices or develop new solutions to combat rising crime rates.” Included within this report are those new solutions that focus on targeting serial property criminals and area “hot spots” of increased crime, as well as the growing problem of domestic violence.

The annual report also details the work of the SPD’s Special Response Team and the numerous dangerous operations that the team members handled. The Community Services Section expanded the number of crime prevention programs offered to citizens and the Investigations and Support Services Bureau collaborated with outside agencies to focus on repeat offenders.

The SPD encourages citizens to [download and review the report](#) (PDF), and welcomes feedback via the SPD website, at www.springfieldmo.gov/spd.

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